



# United States European Command

## CAPTAIN ARNOLD E. RESNICOFF Command Chaplain

Captain Arnold E. Resnicoff, CHC, USN, reported to Stuttgart in May 1997. As Command Chaplain for the U.S. European Command (USEUCOM), he is responsible for coordinating chaplain support across service and religious lines within an area encompassing 83 countries and more than 13 million square miles.

Chaplain Resnicoff holds a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College, and master's degrees from Salve Regina (International Relations), the Naval War College (Strategic Studies and National Security Affairs), and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (Rabbinics), where he was later ordained. He was the President's Honor Graduate for his class at the Naval War College (NWC), and later created and taught the elective, "Faith and Force: Religion, War and Peace," the first NWC course taught by a chaplain.



After drilling as a Navy enlisted reservist during high school, Chaplain Resnicoff graduated from Dartmouth NROTC, served as a Navy line officer from 1969-1972, and as a chaplain since 1976. One of a small number of Vietnam Veterans who worked to create the Vietnam Veterans memorial, he delivered the closing prayer at its 1982 dedication. Present in Beirut during the October 1983 truck-bomb attack, his report, written at White House request, was read aloud by President Ronald Reagan to the 20,000 attendees of the "Baptist Fundamentalism 84" convention. He served as the Navy representative to the DoD National Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, led Yom Kippur services in Iceland during the US-USSR pre-summit talks, and, while attached to Commander, Sixth Fleet, helped establish the Haifa USO.

Chaplain Resnicoff has lectured widely on pluralism, religious freedom, and values, at forums including New York's Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs, the Northeastern Political Science Association, the Joint Service Commission on Professional Ethics (JSCOPE) and the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI). Since 1989 he has been a speaker at every annual Naval War College conference on Ethics and the Military. In 1995 he coordinated the first annual Professional Ethics Conference for the Submarine Community, and in 1996 conducted the first Conference on Ethics and Leadership for the Camp David staff. His work in interfaith affairs was recognized by a 1990 book on Christian religious education dedicated in his honor.

Chaplain Resnicoff's line officer assignments include duty as Communications Officer and Assistant Operations Officer onboard USS Hunterdon County (LST-838) in Vietnam's Mekong Delta - where he served as Junior Officer of the Deck when the ship became the first commissioned vessel to enter Cambodian waters as part of the May 1970 incursion; and Naval Security Group, in Rota, Spain. Immediately prior to his assignment with USCINCEUR, Chaplain Resnicoff served in Groton, CT, from 1993-97, as Command Chaplain, Submarine Base New London; Group Chaplain, Submarine Group TWO;

and Regional Chaplain, Northeast Regional Command. Previous assignments as a chaplain include duty with Recruit Training Command, Orlando, 1991-93; Chief of Naval Education and Training, 1988-1991; Naval Chaplains School (Advanced Course Staff), 1985-88; Naval War College (student), 1984-85; Commander Sixth Fleet, 1982-84; Naval Station Norfolk, 1979-1982; and Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan, 1976-79.

Among his military awards are the Legion of Merit, four Meritorious Service Medals, two Naval Commendation Medals (one with combat "V"), and the Combat Action Ribbon. He is a CNET Master Training Specialist, and the recipient of numerous civilians honors, including the 1991 Moment Magazine International Community Service Award, and Philadelphia's Chapel of Four Chaplains "Hall of Heroes Gold Medallion," for his work with the wounded and dying in Beirut. In 1994, the Chaplain Arnold E. Resnicoff Scholarship Fund was established in his honor at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America to help Rabbinical students planning to serve with the Chaplain Corps.

Chaplain Resnicoff has one daughter, Malka, a student at Harvard.